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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. In the Southeast, prices were unchanged to slightly higher on the larger sizes but lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were lower on the lighter weight eggs and unchanged on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was noted as about steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were mixed, ranging from adequate to occasionally burdensome with the lighter weight eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Spent hen supplies were sufficient to at least sufficient for less than normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and down 4 cents for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were usually moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand was light as processors assess further needs and production schedules. Offerings continued adequate for heavier breaking stock and fully adequate for the lighter product. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.			
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	61-70	65-67	LARGE
LARGE	61-69	63-66	MEDIUM
MEDIUM	42-48	45-47	SMALL

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was noted as somewhat steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to instances fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to readily available with medium eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was fair to fairly good for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Spent hen supplies were adequate to at least adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	68-72
LARGE	62-76	67-71
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and down 4 cents for mediums. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good at times. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand was light as processors assess further needs and production schedules. Offerings continued adequate for the heavier breaking stock and fully adequate for the lighter product. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
MEDIUM	48.5-57	50-53

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher on larger sizes and lower on mediums when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to instances ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Offerings of light type hens were sufficient to at least adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	68-71
MEDIUM	44.5-55.25	45-49

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where promotional activities were in place. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	56-60

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged on larger sizes, lighter weights lost 4 cents for the week. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were mixed, larger sizes were adequate, lighter weights were fully adequate to burdensome.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	49-56	50-52

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last week with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 12%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 61. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 2 for \$4.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	81

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-349	JUMBO	279-379
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	219-359
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	199-319
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	189-299

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 11, 2004 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 04, 2004 were 223,289 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	185,971	37,318	223,289

% change from the prior week.....

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+5	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand was light as processors assess further needs and production schedules. Offerings continued adequate for heavier breaking stock and fully adequate for lighter product. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-49	48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	33-35

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5	9.25-10.25	9.83
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate or better. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.75	10-10.25	10.04

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUN 07, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.0	17.3	4.6	11.3	54.5
	Change	3.2	2.6	-1.2	-1.0	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.7	52.1	9.0	21.1	134.7
	Change	-3.7	12.5	-1.4	-1.9	3%
Large	Curr Wk	33.0	112.2	63.8	91.6	405.0
	Change	-4.8	-1.1	4.6	-18.5	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.9	45.7	17.7	29.2	148.5
	Change	3.4	-7.6	3.7	1.0	4%
Small	Curr Wk	7.2	10.6	4.5	5.4	33.8
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	0.8	-1.7	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	30.5	9.4	15.1	66.9
	Change	1.2	1.8	0.6	-0.3	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.9	49.6	19.0	38.9	158.0
	Change	1.1	7.9	-1.5	2.5	10%
Total	Curr Wk	121.5	318.0	128.0	212.6	1,001.4
Percent	Change	-1%	5%	4%	-9%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,001.4	1%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	288.0	8%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,289.4	3%	205
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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	2.01	1.98	1.89	1.16
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 24, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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	1.54	1.54	1.44	.77
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 04, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS											
31.00								11.25								42.25											
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	49.00	52.33		47.50	49.00		—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—		—	67.00		—	60.50	7.50									
GL W XL	—	—		59.00	61.00		51.13	11.75	GL W LG	—	—		—	—		—	56.29	7.75									
GL W LG	—	—		43.50	45.00		46.00	9.75	GL W MD	35.33	—		—	47.00		—	41.00	3.25									
GL W MD	—	—		—	—		—	1.75	GL W SM	—	38.00		—	—		—	—	1.00									
GL W SM	—	36.00		—	—		—	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	49.00		46.00	9.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/31/04-06/04/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
82.75								57.25								140.00							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	50.00	52.94	47.67	49.00	—	52.00	13.00	GNR W 1	50.43	54.25	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GL W J	—	—	66.50	67.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	68.00	—	61.71	15.50								
GL W XL	—	62.46	59.00	62.33	52.53	58.91	41.50	GL W LG	—	64.45	—	68.00	—	57.79	24.50								
GL W LG	—	60.08	49.75	53.33	50.06	58.21	43.50	GL W MD	35.33	45.00	—	46.75	—	44.29	12.75								
GL W MD	41.00	—	38.00	39.75	36.96	39.57	20.75	GL W SM	—	38.00	34.00	35.00	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	33.83	36.13	31.00	33.50	—	—	7.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	48.00	7.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	49.00	48.67	48.86	42.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	31.40	—	—	—	—	36.00	5.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	06/01/04	05/24/04	06/02/03
PACIFIC COAST	552	537	138
LOS ANGELES	500	485	98

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on small and medium; steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate to available. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	88.63
LARGE	84.63
MEDIUM	62.63
SMALL	52.38

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	225 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	130 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 250	215 – 227
1/2 doz.	125 – 142	128 – 133

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 6/03/2004

Report Period: 5/02/2004 - 5/08/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,979	1,979
Arkansas	0	0	705	705
Colorado	0	0	4,887	4,887
Illinois	0	180	0	180
Indiana	0	780	840	1,620
Iowa	5,580	7,890	32,601	46,071
Maine	0	0	900	900
Maryland	0	0	925	925
Michigan	0	0	6,192	6,192
Minnesota	4,045	0	6,330	10,375
New Hampshire	0	0	960	960
New York	0	0	828	828
Ohio	0	0	2,448	2,448
Oregon	2,912	437	0	3,349
South Dakota	0	0	2,340	2,340
Texas	0	0	7,460	7,460
Utah	470	1,930	11,050	13,450
Washington	0	600	0	600
Wisconsin	0	120	558	678
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,007</b>	<b>11,937</b>	<b>81,003</b>	<b>105,947</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,007</b>	<b>11,937</b>	<b>81,003</b>	<b>105,947</b>

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 6/07/2004

Report Period: 5/09/2004 - 5/15/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	810	6,171	6,981
Arkansas	0	0	720	720
Colorado	960	0	1,403	2,363
Iowa	5,400	11,534	40,030	56,964
Michigan	0	780	4,483	5,263
Minnesota	6,570	2,400	6,220	15,190
Missouri	0	0	1,520	1,520
Montana	0	0	594	594
New Jersey	0	0	780	780
North Carolina	0	0	537	537
Ohio	0	0	940	940
Oregon	3,065	881	0	3,946
South Dakota	0	864	2,810	3,674
Texas	0	0	5,750	5,750
Utah	714	0	12,223	12,937
Washington	0	612	0	612
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,709</b>	<b>17,881</b>	<b>84,181</b>	<b>118,771</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>16,709</b>	<b>17,881</b>	<b>84,181</b>	<b>118,771</b>